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LEGION HELD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas time is upon us now and your local Legion Post joined in the festive holiday mood with a Christmas party last Sunday evening.

A pot luck supper was served to start the evening's festivities with many delicious dishes enjoyed by everyone. To the satisfaction of all, the supper had to be served in two sections because of the large number of people attending.

Immediately following the supper and to satisfy the eagerness of children attending, Comrade Pete Baker, in the guise of Saint Nick, passed out presents from the tree to all children present together with a small stocking, filled with candies and goodies for each child. The light of delight reflected in the eyes of the children brings to mind to all of us that the Christmas season is really here with all of its gaiety and children's laughter echoing throughout our peaceful New England village closing out all of the reports of "China Revolution," "War Clouds," "Communism" and all of the other evils that are going on in the world today.

The adults, too, were blessed with presents by jolly old Saint Nick, who was somewhat uncomfortable and warm in his red and white suit. All members brought small gifts to put on the tree, and these in turn were distributed at random by Santa Claus with many humorous situations resulting.

Following distribution of the gifts and the departure of Santa Claus, all who were interested were treated to sound movies presented by Edmond Vachon of Gould Academy, the film being produced by the Navy Department and procured for this presentation by Sam Smith. This film was a documentary report of life aboard a U. S. Navy submarine during its career in World War II.

And so another annual Christmas party of the American Legion has gone by with everyone looking forward to an even more successful and joyous Christmas party next year, if it is possible to have one any better than the one just passed.

PUBLICITY BUREAU MEMBERS NOMINATING 1950 DIRECTORS

A possible increase in the number of Maine Publicity Bureau directors from Oxford County is revealed in the nomination ballots sent out this week in preparation for the annual meeting of the Bureau in Portland, Jan. 16. At this meeting the membership will be asked to increase the number of directors to at least three from each county.

Members now are being asked to check off a suggested list of nominees, or to "write in" additional nominees.

Those suggested on the nomination ballots for Oxford County are: Roland H. Cobb of Denmark, present director whose term expires in January; Phillip F. Chadbourn, Bethel; Howard F. Gayton and Harry M. Shaw, South Paris; J. Walter Haslam and David A. Klein, Norway; N. G. Morrill and Henry J. Parent, Rumford; Brewster W. Page, Fryeburg; H. Frank Richardson, Canton; and Rand Stowell, Dixfield.

WEAR WHITE AT NIGHT FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

"Wear white at night when walking," is the advice to pedestrians given by the Traffic and Safety Division of the Maine State Police in pointing out that darkness multiplies hazards for those about in traffic.

"Many pedestrians just do not realize that drivers can not see them at night until dangerously close and that they are even more difficult to see when wearing all dark clothing," said Sgt. John deWinter, Director of the Traffic and Safety Division, Maine State Police.

Specific suggestions were made by Sgt. deWinter to pedestrians for increasing their visibility at night. Among them were to wear a large area of white clothing, carry white such as a handkerchief, carry reflector material or a flashlight. "But, even with these devices, pedestrians are dangerously difficult for motorists to see at night. So those about at night must watch out for themselves," Sgt. deWinter concluded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BETHEL 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

All old members and anyone interested in belonging to the Bethel 4-H Club are asked to come to the Community Room at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 23. County Agent Bob MacLaughlin will be there and also your new leader.

G. A. ALUMNI SPONSORING DANCE NEXT THURSDAY

An informal holiday dance, restricted to former students of Gould Academy and escorts, will be held at William Bingham Gymnasium next Thursday evening, Dec. 29. Dancing will be from 8 to 12 with Lloyd Rafnel providing the music. The dance orders will serve as tickets for admission with a coupon to exchange for free refreshments. It is hoped that this can be continued as an annual event, many alumni already having made plans to attend this first dance.

MRS. ISAAC W. DYER TO HEAD THE BETHEL PLAYERS

A real holiday spirit was in evidence at the December meeting of The Bethel Players at the Community Room on Monday evening.

The business was transacted with a minimum of debate and no dissent; the monthly one-act play, "His Blue Serge Suit," although not presented flawlessly, was well received by the small but highly appreciative audience; the refreshments were ample and of super-excellent quality, and the tryouts for the club's next play, "Village Green," produced especially gratifying results, enabling the director, Dale Thurston, to select the major portion of the cast within a few minutes of their conclusion.

Mrs. Isaac W. Dyer II was enthusiastically elected to head the organization as president for the coming year. Roland Glines, and Mrs. Richard Waldron were re-elected vice president and secretary respectively; Mrs. Harlan Hutchins, was named treasurer, Wilbur Myers will continue as auditor along with Richmond Roderick as business manager.

The Board of Directors includes: Mrs. Isaac W. Dyer II, Roland Glines, Mrs. Harlan Hutchins, Richmond Roderick, Mrs. Katharine Adams, Mrs. Francis Noyes, Dale Thurston and John Howe. Mrs. Norman Grieg, Paul Hennessey and Mrs. John Howe will serve as the play reading committee and Charles Freeman was selected to direct stage construction activities.

Costumes and make-up details will be supervised by Mrs. Roland Glines, Charles Chapman is chairman of the music committee and Mrs. Charles Gorman will direct publicity during the coming year. The president is to plan and direct the entertainment program for the January meeting, the vice-president guaranteeing a suitable temperature for its enjoyment. Mrs. Phillip Chadbourn will supervise the preparation and serving of the customary refreshments.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE TO OBSERVE ROLL CALL NIGHT

A Christmas party followed the regular meeting of Sunset Rebekeh Lodge Monday evening. Committee members named for the dinner to be served to the Oxford County Postmasters Jan. 18 were: dinner, Mrs. Errol Donahue, Mrs. Ruth Dorlan, Mrs. Carl Brown and Mrs. Erwin Hutchinson; dining room and waitresses, Miss Beatrice Brown.

Following the meeting the members sang Christmas carols and exchanged gifts. Christmas poems were read by Mrs. Clayton Mills and Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Frank Hunt and Mrs. Erwin Hutchinson. Christmas boxes for shut-ins were decorated.

Toll call and obligation night will be observed at the next meeting. The entertainment will include a white elephant auction.

GORDON LATHROP TEACHING PRINTING IN FLA. SCHOOL

Gordon E. Lathrop, formerly of Bethel, recently has accepted a position at the Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise, Fla. The school has a modern print shop and publishes a bi-monthly paper. The Lathrop family live at Deland, 13 miles from Enterprise, where the oldest daughter, Jackie, is a pupil in high school. Three of the children are in junior high, two in grammar school, and two children have not yet entered school. Mrs. Lathrop was formerly Miss Beulah Burris of West Bethel. While here Mr. Lathrop was employed in the Citizen office, going from here to Madison where he became publisher of the Bulletin. Since selling that newspaper two years ago they have lived in Deland.

G. L. KNEELAND, D. O.

General Practice
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LOOKING AHEAD

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A RESOLUTION FOR 1950

If the next session of Congress is not the time to balance the national budget, then I do not know when the time will ever come. In fact, indications are that unless we can bring spending and taxes into line in 1950, we may never be able to get back our sanity in government about money matters. If we are unable to balance the budget in good times, just when shall we hope to? The time to balance is now!

Senator Byrd, that hard-working expert on problems of federal spending, says the budget can be balanced. But he says Congress has three possible choices to make this coming year. It's up to Congress, he says, to decide whether or not to balance. It can choose a two percent of more than \$7 billion it can hold the spending budget to \$30 billion or it can allow more than \$7 billion of spending in excess of revenue, and add it to our huge national debt.

Primrose Trail

This latter course, the Senator so well says, would lead the nation "gaily along the economic primrose path of deficit financing." This is the route that so many of our people have become accustomed to, yet it is the path that might well lead to economic ruin. That so few citizens are aware of these dangers is a fact hard to understand. That so few of those who understand are doing anything about it is even more amazing.

President Truman apparently has chosen the first course. He wants to keep government spending at a high level. He reasons that this can be done by loading business and industry with heavy tax burdens. (These taxes cost you money, no matter whether your income is high or low.) The President has shown some willingness to avoid deficit spending next year, after latter expenditures run \$34 billion over income this year. But he says he can't do it without more taxes.

It Is Your Problem

Even Budget Director Pace has said that a tax raise will be needed to balance the budget. He has also promised that the budget to be presented in January by President Truman will not be more than \$45 billion! Revenue under present laws is only \$38 billion. This leaves \$7 billion needed to balance that kind of spending. That kind of money doesn't grow on trees in Arkansas (Arkansas could use the part of that we'd have to pay, right here in the state!)

But where would this \$7 billion come from? It is obvious that spending is just another way of saying the word taxes. Just like it would be in your own personal affairs, spending more than you've got calls for more income—or else bankruptcy. But the nation is yours, too. That's a lesson that every American must learn, before it is too late. More government spending means less take-home pay, higher living costs, and greater risk of depression.

How to Get a Surplus

But that \$7 billion need not come from anywhere! Senator Byrd proposes that 47 1/2 percent of the present rate of spending for next fiscal year down to \$36 billion. Even this, he says, is \$2 billion more than the President's own budget for 1950. And with present tax laws, a \$36 billion budget would provide a \$2 billion surplus that could be applied to our dangerously big national debt! Now is the time to balance the budget, not add to it. Yet we are going along, spending more than we did in the first year after this war. All this is in peacetime when business is good and employment high. If we cannot balance the budget when the economy is so high, just when can it be balanced? When the government insists on

DALE CARNEGIE

★ AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING" ★

Be Different

WHEN LARRY ADLER was a boy in Baltimore he loved to push air through a harmonica. No one else in his family played one, but Larry played until he almost drove his family into the snake pit.

In 1927 he read in a Baltimore newspaper that the paper would sponsor a harmonica contest. Larry's eyes grew as big as flying saucers.

He had been selling magazine subscriptions, so he took three dollars of his savings and bought himself a new mouth-organ. It would do tricks that his old one couldn't manage.

Now he began practicing against the day of the contest; his family suffered; so did the neighbors.

At last the Big Night! Practically all of Baltimore was present! The judges were impressive, one being the music critic of the paper, another the head of the Peabody Music Institute, which was the last word—the very last command—in music in Baltimore. The third was the conductor of the Baltimore Symphony orchestra. The Mattheorns of music.

The other contestants poured in, 23 in all, loaded, cocked and primed. Depressing! Some of them played exceedingly well, as well as Larry—maybe better—and Larry got lower and lower in his mind.

Larry noticed that all of them played jazz. For that matter, jazz was all Larry had planned in his repertoire. He said to himself, "I'm going to be different. At least, that will attract attention."

The only classical piece he could remember was Beethoven's Minuet in G. He had only his memory to depend upon, and his memory was as full of holes as a Swiss cheese. But he tore into it, did the best he could. Not very hopefully, for he knew he was bad, but he also knew he was doing something different. After all, there was a sameness to the selection of the other contestants, no one outstanding, no one too easy to recall.

When the judges returned from deliberation, they announced Larry was the winner. He was the only one who played a classical selection, and he was the only outstanding contestant.



D. Carnegie

THIS WEEK IN Washington

INDICATIONS are that the food and agricultural organization of the United Nations will turn down the presidential and congressional offers of a headquarters in this country. Apparently there is some leading opinion within the organization to occupy some vacant and elaborate buildings in Italy.

President Truman in his address before the organization said work of FAO fitted in with the objectives of his administration and "the whole broad effort to raise living standards and achieve greater freedom for all mankind." He said the work of FAO also was in line with the objectives of our own department of agriculture to increase production of food stuffs and other farm commodities and to see that those commodities reach those who need them.

Important to the coming session of the first congress convening in January is the trip of Oscar Ewing, federal security administrator, to various European countries to learn first-hand how social security programs are working in these countries which have them. Ewing announced he would study the working of national health insurance in Great Britain.

In the meantime, the American Medical Association is planning a new campaign to defeat federal health insurance and asserts that universal health insurance is not needed because private insurance companies can do the job. Before leaving for Europe, Ewing answered this argument by declaring that only 60 per cent of group insurance premiums and only 20 per cent of individual premiums go for benefits to the insured.

Of course there is a mountain of conjecture over the resignation of David E. Lilienthal as chairman of the atomic energy commission. It seems assured that the President will not make a permanent appointment in recess but will wait until congress convenes before naming Lilienthal's successor. There is some conjecture that, since Lilienthal gave as one of his chief reasons for resigning that he could engage in public discussions and take part in public affairs with more freedom, he might return to Wisconsin and run for the senate against Sen. Alexander Wiley who is up for reelection in

1950. It will be remembered that, although Lilienthal is not a native of Wisconsin, he started his law practice and his public service in that state as a member of the Wisconsin public service commission, where he was serving when President Roosevelt named him to the TVA board in 1933.

Economists are concerned over the rapid fire rise in consumer credit debts since controls were removed several months ago. Latest figures indicate that before year's end the consumer credit debt likely will top the 17 billion-dollar mark of which more than 10 billion is owed on installment purchases. And the average carrying charges on installment purchases reaches up to about 22 per cent a year. This 10 billion dollar installment loan figure is nearly twice the pre-war total. Although some of the lending economists say the country can stand another three or four billion dollars in consumer credit before the danger point is reached, members of the federal reserve board, including Marriner Eccles, are concerned over what stands at the end of the credit picture.

Add to the 17-billion-dollar debt picture another 19 billion which is owed to the banks and construction firms for construction of houses and buildings, not much of which was for cash. Sen. John C. Sparkman of Alabama, chairman of a subcommittee on the economic report, who recently released figures showing that nearly a third of the nation's families, some 10 million were earning less than \$2,000 annually, says the next congress must do something about raising the national income. He says the annual income must reach the 300-billion-dollar mark as envisioned by President Truman and that to reach this figure, some congressional action is required now. He says his committee hopes to agree, on some program to up the income of these 10 million in the lowest income bracket.

The United States chamber of commerce is urging public action to make effective the recommendations of the commission named by President Truman and headed by Herbert Hoover for streamlining the executive departments of the federal government to eliminate waste and overlapping functions.

And admit we are in a mess, I reckon we can take their word for it—they got us into it.

A dozen years is long enough to be in any kind of a dilemma. It is time to do some psycho-analyzing. Time to find out if we been slickered some place along the line. And you know, I been deducting pro and con and she looks as if the nation has been living, right along, under some sort of oratorical novocain—just going along with the leaders and not too sure or caring too much where we are coming out.

I come up with this answer from observing the route chosen by this British—a big Govt. running ev-

"I REMEMBER—"



Above Me HULLABALOO

U.S.A. UNDER THE ASIATICS
IT MIGHT BE "amusing" to picture our country in the event our high-voiced Pinks and our low-browed Reds manage to drag us down under the yoke of the Mongol-Slav combination which already rules half the world.

If all precedent were followed, those with a bank account who were unable to escape to some other clime would be automatically and instantly eliminated. Liquidation of the clergy would take more time. President Truman, his cabinet, Governor Dewey, Senator-elect Lehman and all other politicians would stand fake trials.

The stage now being set, the Russian agents would move in en masse. Foster and the American Commies would be accused of devolutionism, nationalism, tilism; and like Rajk in Hungary and very soon now—Kostov in Bulgaria, they would hang.

Under communism, anyone who owns anything of value to the party members is a capitalist. A few acres and a cow, a filling station, a small tobacco shop or grocery—these must be parcelled out to the faithful. (See current illustration of what is going on in Czechoslovakia where thousands upon thousands of small businessmen, shopkeepers and farmers are either being killed or driven into the slave-labor camps.)

There would be no war for awhile with all the world under one tyrannical ruler, but before many years human nature would assert itself and revolution would break loose all over the world. Before the tyrants were destroyed, the devastation they would create would beggar description. These Asiatics would think no more of "atomizing" New York, London, Paris, Chicago, etc., than they would of stepping on an ant.

Well, these muggers are waiting just around the corner, and we softies are letting ourselves be pushed down the street and are allowing many of our school children to be led by subversive teachers toward that fatal corner, partly because we won't demand of our courts the true interpretation of laws about free speech.

everything—and the paper today says that Mr. Cripps, the boss-man over there, tells his brethren they "must produce more and use less or go hungry and jobless." And here in this land of ours, as we see these goings-on in Gt. Britain—we doze on—and don't catch-on that we are headed likely-split into the very same kind of across-the-pond Big Govt. shenanigans which, over there, are now being followed by a petered-out Utopia.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERIFA

MAINE POTATOES GO TO TEXAS

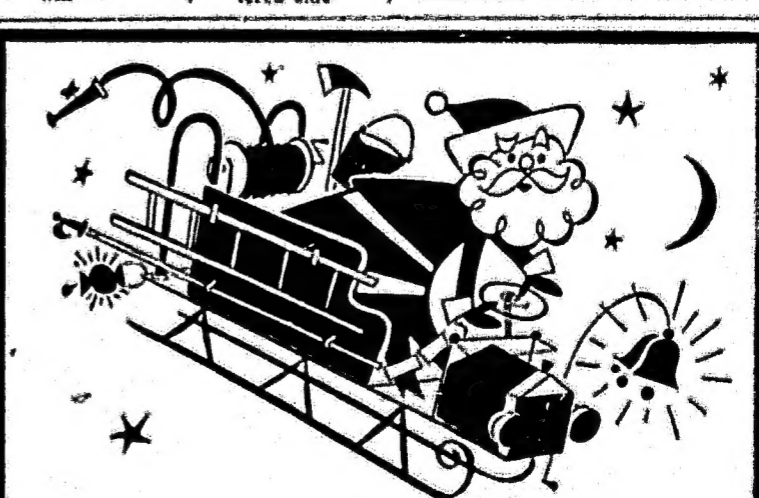
Maine potatoes have invaded the Lone Star State. One of Maine's largest spud shippers has just sent its first carload of tablestock potatoes in the last three or four years to Texas. With the potatoes have gone 500 copies of Maine Extension Service Bulletin 285, "Good Recipes for Maine Potatoes." They will be distributed and displayed in the 50 stores in the Texas chain

Crossword Puzzle

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Answers to LAST WEEK'S Puzzles:

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Don't Let Santa Be A Fireman

Keep Christmas merry by preventing fire in your home.

Follow these safety rules:

1. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. Use electric lights.
2. See that lighting sets and cords are in good condition. Look for U.L. label on lighting sets.
3. Never use cotton or other flammable decorations on or around the tree.
4. Place tree in coolest part of room; never near fireplaces or radiators.

- Remember
- Christmas trees are flammable!

NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

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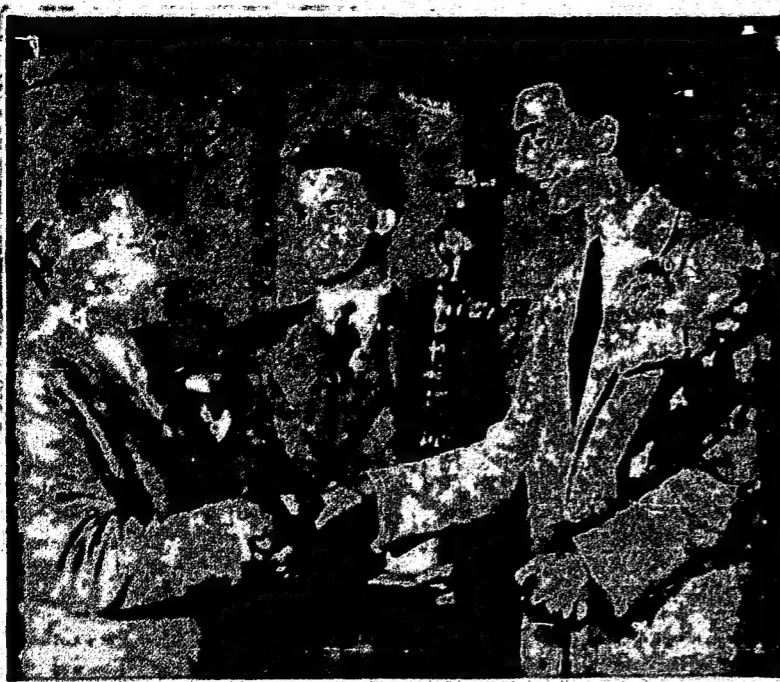
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Two contestants from Maine brought home trophies from Plymouth Motor Corp.'s Third International Model Plane contest at Detroit. They competed against 535 of the world's leading model flyers who were invited to the meet because of their outstanding records. Above, H. B. Heberling, left, assistant general sales manager of Plymouth, congratulates Howard E. Smith, 24, of Augusta, center, and Richard R. Smith, 19, of Bangor.

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

By
Mrs. CATHERINE
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EDWARDS
Associate Editor,
Parents' Magazine

A SMALL CHILD'S RELIGIOUS education is a day by day absorption of his parents' reverence for the good and the beautiful in life. Prayers and going to Sunday school and listening to Bible stories are, of course, a part of this. But the deepest influence, in these years before your child can grasp the idea of God, is your own belief in a loving creator. This is reflected in your everyday hopefulness and kindness, in your spirit of fellowship with all the people your child encounters, in your protective attitude toward animals and all growing things. Given this sense of reverence, which is a combination of wonder and gratefulness, your child will be ready to believe when he is older. What he believes isn't the beginning step—first he must acquire a capacity for belief.

The next step—guiding a child's faith into what you yourself believe, which is your privilege and your duty, even if later he chooses a different form of worship—is best accomplished in the beginning through story, art and music. Nowing the head, or making a cross, or covering the head can be taught as manners are taught—but they have less meaning for a child than that Mary loved her baby dearly, or that David, with God's help, could face up to a giant.

The blaring of Christmas carols from street corners has almost destroyed this special form of family worship. But try to hold on to it, at least for the youngest children whom you can to a degree protect from street music and too much radio. And reading from the psalms or the story of the Nativity.

as Luke so beautifully recorded it, brings joy even to the three-year-old. We don't have to know why these words gladden childish hearts—just let them work their spell of mystery and miracle.

For that is what the Christmas observance is designed to preserve; that is the meaning of the catch in the throat which even the most blasé moderns experience—that the mystery of our existence may, after all, despite threats of atomic warfare, be a vast, scarcely tapped reservoir of love, of which the Christ and other great religious prophets gave man a glimpse.

As a Christmas message, I should like to quote from an editorial written by the Reverend Howard Thurman, minister of the San Francisco church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. It is called, "I Will Light Three Candles"—the candles of joy, of fellowship and of hope. We quote from the first, for little children respond to joy by their very natures:

"Joy may not result from a single fact or a particular series of events but, rather, it is often a climate within which the experiences of life find their setting. There is much in the lives of those around us, there is much in our own lives, and there is much in the terrible facts of our world which threatens the joyful mood, the glowing spirit. This I do not deny. But I still believe that wherever there is life, there is the raw material of joy. So even as I look unhappy details squarely in the face, I shall light the candle of joy in my heart this Christmas, a candle that must burn all the year long."

NEWRY

The Branch School had their Christmas tree and entertainment at the Church Friday night. School is closed for two weeks.

Mrs. George Learned and children Mrs. Henry Learned and Elsie Enman were in Rumford Christmas shopping Tuesday.

William Hall is home from Boston University for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powers are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Earle Lane is working with Bob Morton on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Learned and Mr. and Mrs. George Learned and family are planning to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thurston Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ferrin called Wednesday evening at Henry Learned's.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. C. James Knights—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coffin were at Hebron Sunday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Elsworth Lawrence visited Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Clinton Buck, Mrs. Sherwood Buck and Mrs. Kenneth Buck attended the marriage of Jerry Brown at Auburn, Sunday afternoon.

Garrence Smith is critically ill and is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Cole.

Richard Cole and Irving Cushman 'U' of M students are spending their vacation with their parents.

Mrs. C. James Knights was at Rumford one afternoon last week. Gary and Jeffrey Yates visited over the week end with their aunt and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes.

Mrs. Lora Billings was at Lewis.

ton, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Billings and children, Mrs. Edgar Davis and children were at Norway Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman were at Norway, Monday. Richard Cole and mother, Ellen Ellis and Christine Knights were at Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens were at Auburn recently to attend the funeral of her son, John Hunt.

GILEAD

Mrs. Florence Holden, Correspondent. Mrs. Elaine Carroll and brother Roger left Saturday for New York City where they will spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Dorothy Hoffman.

Joseph Martel, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martel, who has been very ill with pneumonia, has gone to the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin, N. H.

Raymond Holden, who has had employment at South Paris, has completed his duties there and returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Howard has returned to her home in Portland. Irving Leighton and Leo Witter of Portsmouth, N. H., spent the week end at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Judkins and family of Oquossoc are guests of her sister, Mrs. Harriette Plante.

Mrs. Florence Holden was a guest of Mrs. Marian Wheeler at South Paris Saturday.

Mrs. Pauline LaMonte and Mrs. Irene Morse returned to their home in Plymouth N. H. Tuesday.

Clayton Bryant and Raymond Holden will be dinner guests Christmas day of their aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richard.

son, Stone Farm, Shelburne, N. H.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. F. Ernest Smith, Pastor

A Great City was Troubled at the News of His Birth will be the theme at the morning service in the Methodist Church next Sunday.

The Sunday School will be at 9:45 and Morning Worship at 11 a. m. The Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

The Sunday School will celebrate Christmas with exercises and a Christmas tree this Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Youth Fellowship will have a Christmas Party at the Church Friday evening to be followed by caroling.

Greetings from the Pastor of the Methodist Church

The birth of Jesus was very real to Mary and Joseph. They knew he was born to be the Saviour of the world; that it would involve great suffering in which they must share and yet they rejoiced at His birth.

May he be as real to us as to them and our part in his mission as clear.

Accepting Him as our personal Saviour and friend, and sharing in His work will bring us, not only joy and gladness at Christmas but peace and guidance through the coming year.

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

Let earth receive her King,"

E. Ernest Smith

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister

The Junior Church School will meet Sunday at 10 o'clock in the Church sanctuary.

The annual Christmas Eve Supper, sponsored by the men of the parish, will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 in the vestry.

A party for the children of the Church School will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:30 in the Church. A Christmas story, "When The Littlest Camel Kneled," will be shown. Christmas Carols will be sung and Santa Claus will visit.

During the program, an offering toward the Christian World Mission of the Church is to be taken.

The Junior Choir will rehearse Sunday morning at 10:15 in the Church.

The Pastor's sermon topic for Sunday morning is "Christmas Carnival."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

The Lesson-Sermon used in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

Golden Text: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

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By REV. ROBERT E. HARPER

God's Message

Lesson for December 25: Isaiah 9:1-5

Memory Selection: Luke 2:14

FROM ANTIQUITY light has been

a symbol of life. The sun is a

life-giver in the material world.

So Jesus, who came to reveal God

to men, is light and life in the

world of spirit. Isaiah likened his

coming to the kindly glow of a

great light.

The lesson leads us to think of

the names the Saviour bears.

Wonderful, Counsellor and Prince

of Peace belong to his humanity.

Mighty God and Everlasting Father

belong to him as God and are

appropriate to his reign as the

King of Kings. In the name, Lord

Jesus Christ, Jesus, meaning Sav-

our, is his given name, Christ,

denoting the Anointed One, is his

title. Lord refers to his kingship

in the hearts of men.

He who came of the stock of

Jesus is also, the Son of God and

his reign brings justice and right-

eousness, equity to the meek, and

destruction to the wicked. Well

may we join in the song of the

angels: "Glory be to God in the

highest, and on earth peace."

"Of the increase of his govern-

ment and of peace there shall be

no end." The ages have seen a

large measure of the fulfillment of

the prophecy concerning the in-

crease of peace. The increase of

peace must depend upon the

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Christianity is the only and suf-

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YOUR brain budget

1. What city is the principal holy city of three religions? (a) Baghdad, (b) Damascus, (c) Jerusalem, (d) Istanbul.

2. The first state west of the Appalachian mountains to be admitted to the Union was (a) Kentucky, (b) Tennessee, (c) Ohio, (d) Illinois.

3. Of the following, the one most related to the hippopotamus is (a) the tapir, (b) the pig, (c) the elephant.

4. The alcoholic drink sometimes called "Jersey Lightning" is (a) beer, (b) applejack, (c) moonshine, (d) kickapoo joy juice.

5. What state has been the birthplace of the greatest number of presidents? (a) Ohio, (b) Illinois, (c) Virginia, (d) Rhode Island.

ANSWERS

1.—(c) Jerusalem, Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism.

2.—(a) Kentucky, admitted in 1792.

3.—(c) The pig.

4.—(b) Applejack.

5.—(c) Virginia, with eight.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Bernice Noyes, Correspondent

Lendall Nevins came home Fri-

day from the University of Maine

for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howe and

son Michel of West Springfield,

Mass., were week end guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Rodney Howe and fam-

ily.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Burns and

daughter Jean of Norway were

guests Saturday of Mrs. S. B. New-

ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brooks, Mr.

and Mrs. Irving Brooks and Earl

Brooks were called to Mechanic

Falls Thursday by the death of

Mrs. Dalphon Brooks.

Miss Marilyn Noyes came home

Sunday to spend the Christmas

holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hastings and

family were Sunday guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert Bickford at Lis-

bon Falls.

Miss Virginia Hastings came

home Saturday from Bates College

for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Falkenham

of Andover were callers at S. B.

Newton's Thursday.

There were four tables at play at

the card party Saturday evening.

First prizes went to Burton Abbott

and Jeanne Newton, and consol-

ation prizes to Gene Burns and

Sandra Olson.

The telephone line has been ex

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FOR SALE - 2 H. P. Road-Arro Moto-Bike, \$50. Chevrolet front end with springs and two very good tires for trailer, \$12. EDWIN BROWN, Bethel. 5117

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If you need a rabbit hound we have them and getting rabbits with them. Be glad to show you what they can do. MRS. KENNETH EDWARDS, State-of-Maine Kennels, Bridgton. 51

Christmas puppies. Collie, Shepherd, Cocker Spaniels, German Shepherds, Beagles, Boxers. All puppies sold with health guarantee. Priced from \$5 up. MRS. KENNETH EDWARDS, State-of-Maine Kennels, Bridgton. 51

Bay Saddle Mare, very clever, perfectly safe for child. Now owned by 12 year old boy. This mare is now bred to registered Morgan and due to have colt in June. Excellent mother. Colts can be registered. Will sell reasonably or consider cow in exchange. Would also sell her six months registered stud colt. Dark bay. A beauty. MRS. KENNETH EDWARDS, Fryeburg Road, Bridgton. 51

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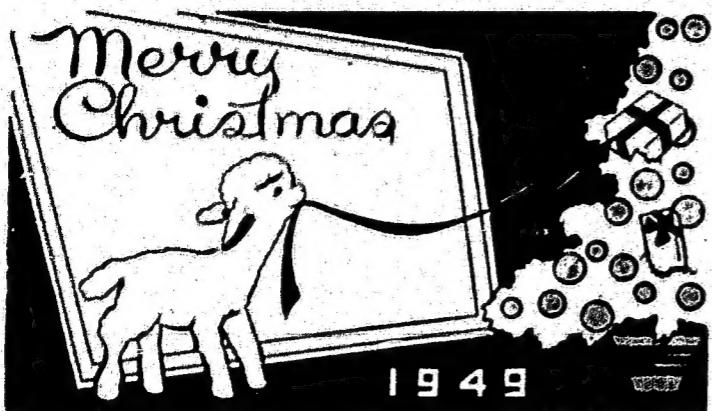
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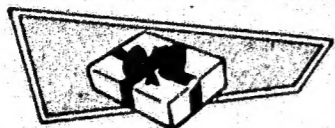
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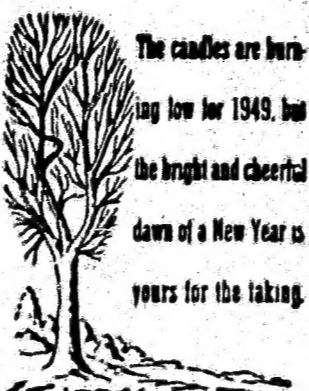
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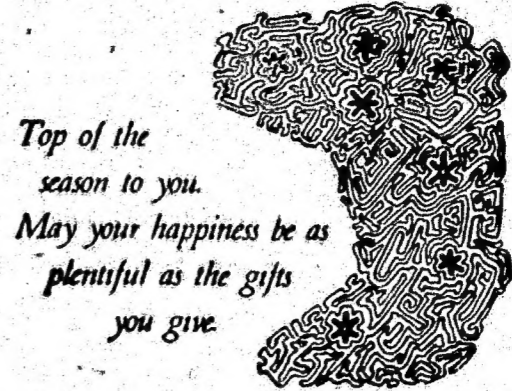
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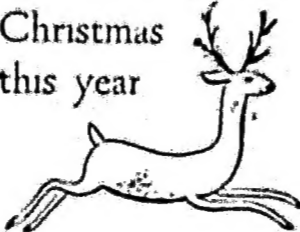
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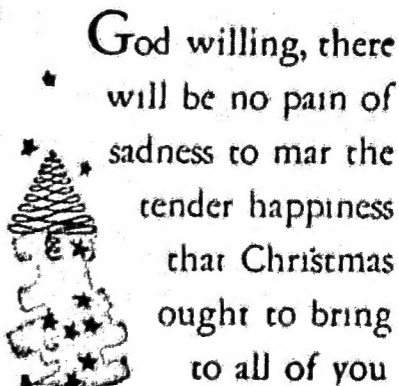
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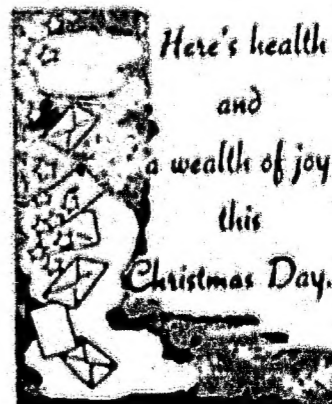
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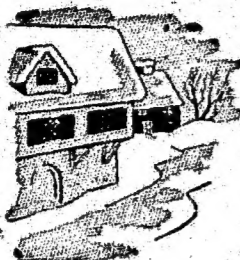
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BEST WISHES
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OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR.

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The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

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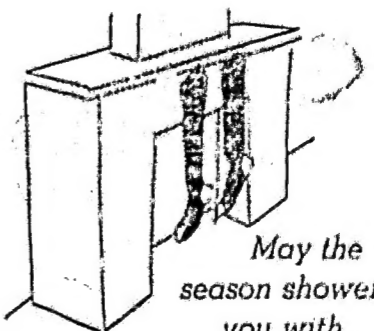
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Greetings
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OUR SINCEREST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

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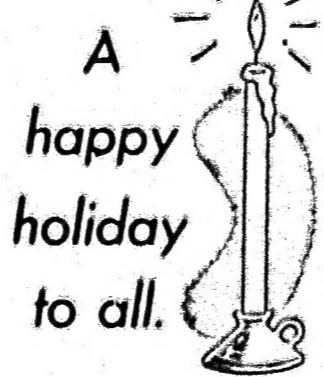


May the season shower you with excellent gifts of gladness.

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"FAST" DEATH . . . Percy Coplan, 287 pounds, Birmingham, Ala., fainted for 72 days, lost 112 pounds and died after collapsing in bathroom of his home. He claimed to be a perfect replica of Mr. Five-by-Five.

Nobody's Business

This is the time of year when the Christmas spirit in most of us comes to the surface. Overlooking the needless and financially painful extremes reached in the purchase of gifts, there really is an attitude of peace and good will which shows that it is a good world to live in for a while.

The approach of Christmas also brings out another phase of human nature, that applies to people in country communities like Bethel. Probably a safe estimate is that as many as half the pretty Christmas trees are stolen. By the roadside or in a pasture or woodlot many a person thinks nothing of cutting a small tree; and very few ask permission of the owner. Nice people do this, who would not pick your pocket or steal your car.

These are the shortest days of the year, all this week. Christmas Day will be one minute longer. Then the days will continue to lengthen, slowly at first, until next June 17 when six hours and 43 minutes will have been gained. The sun will continue to rise later until Jan. 4. By that time sunset will be 15 minutes later than it was two weeks ago and the days will be seven minutes longer than at present. So the Almanac says.

A pleasing event was the Gould-Alumni basketball game Wednesday evening. The Alumni band and the pictureque entrance of their team were added attractions. A bad taste was left for some, however, who heard the lament of a few of the Alumni after the game. It would seem that much real enjoyment of sports of any kind is lost by those who never learn true sportsmanship.

BORN

At Rumford, Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. John Tebbets of Locke Mills, a daughter, Ruth Frances.

At Rumford, Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Norrie Brown of Bethel, a daughter.

MARRIED

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 17, by Rev. Ernest T. Marble, Lawrence M. Carroll of Norway and Mrs. Lucia Trowbridge Mason of South Paris.

DIED

In Portland, Dec. 18, Charles L. Davis, formerly of Bethel, aged 88 years.

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Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Walter Blake suffered a badly broken leg while twirling logs for L. E. Davis at Rapid River. Mrs. Antoinette Nadeau took over the Simard filling station at Gilead.

T. F. Vashaw was a patient at the Berlin hospital. Deaths—Fern E. Elwood, Henry Cooley, Mrs. Cora S. Seavey.

30 YEARS AGO

The coldest morning so far was 30 degrees below zero in some places.

A public library was started at West Bethel through the efforts of the teacher, Miss Marion Frost. Deaths—Irving Harriman, Mrs. Carrie Gerish Brown, Mrs. Lydia R. Stevens, Sarah L. Halbur, Marcus W. Chandler.

50 YEARS AGO

The Oxford Paper Company was organized at a meeting at the Fairmount Hotel, Portland. A mill with a daily capacity of 50 tons of book paper was to be erected at Rumford.

The Norway-South Paris electric railway put on a combination car to transport mail and baggage from the South Paris Grand Trunk station to Norway.

Gerry Brooks of Upton made a hazardous trip to Bemis across Richardson Lake. He broke through the ice but got out with the aid of a long pole which he carried.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Table, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual—National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

The Saturday Evening Post recently published a series of revealing articles by Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith dealing with his experiences when he was U. S. Ambassador to Russia. One of them concerns "Housekeeping Headaches in a Police State," and it provides an authoritative and amusing commentary on living conditions in that nation.

When General Smith first arrived, the Soviet government was running a food store for diplomats only, which offered a fairly adequate supply of rationed goods at reasonable prices. Subsequently, rationing was abandoned and this store was closed, so the embassy had to buy either from the government-operated commercial stores, or in the open market where peasants were allowed to sell for whatever they could get after meeting their state quota.

The state stores were the cheapest. Even so, the prices charged were shocking by American standards. Here are a few from a long list cited by General Smith, on the basis of the price per kilo, which equals 2.2 pounds: Butter, \$8.50 and up; poultry, as much as \$3.25; ham, over \$8.00; apples, \$2.25; prunes, \$4.12; macaroni, \$1.87. On top of such prices, many items which are commonplace in the American diet were in very short supply.

General Smith found the embassy could save money by operating a commissary which bought goods from America, even though transportation and insurance charges were very high and there was much loss through pilferage. However, the Russians soon cracked down on this scheme, and forced the Americans to buy food locally.

In the matter of other commodities, General Smith quotes from a guide made up for future appointees to the Moscow post. It reads: "Two general ideas should govern what is brought to the Soviet Union. (1) NOTHING is obtainable there, and (2) it is cold, both indoors and out, most of the year."

This same report lists dozens of articles which are unobtainable in Moscow, including radios and other electrical equipment; fountain pens, lighter fluid, mothballs, shoe-shine kits, needles, matches, first-aid kits, dark glasses, ash trays, watch straps, bulbs and seeds, clothes hangers, etc., etc. As the General puts it, "Americans with their corner drugstores, supermarkets and five-and-ten-cent stores can hardly imagine the life of foreigners in Moscow."

The point is, of course, that Russian consumer industry is unbelievably small for a country of its size, population and natural resources. The masses of the Russian people live on a subsistence level that would be intolerable to us.

The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station has developed high quality concentrates of frozen apple juice. Most people can't tell the difference between these concentrates, when diluted with three parts of water to one part of concentrate, and freshly pressed apple juice.

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THE DRESS SHOP



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The last meeting of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club was held at Louise Coolidge's house. The vice-president was in the chair.

We had our Christmas tree on Saturday, Dec. 17. The leader gave all the members a candy cane and the assistant leader gave all the members butterfly handkerchiefs. After the meeting popcorn and candy were served.—June Foster, club reporter.

A popular bulletin these days with Maine people is the Extension Service's Bulletin No. 245. It's called "The Conifers of Maine" and describes and illustrates the 16 kinds of evergreens that grow wild in the Pine Tree State. County agents and the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Maine, Orono, have copies.

PUBLIC NOTICE
On and after this date, I hereby declare that I shall not be responsible for any obligations contracted by my wife, Marjorie Yates, nor for any bills or debts contracted by her, and everyone is hereby forbidden to extend credit to her and charge the same on my account.
Carroll E. Yates
Dec. 17, 1949. 1p

A Christmas Suggestion
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I Remember . . .

by the OLD TIMER
From Mrs. William Wyatt of New
Lata, Ohio, Calif.: "I remember
her when Mother would send me
to the store for round steak, I'd
get a whole round of steak for a
dime. The butcher would ask me
if I wanted the liver, or a large

soup bone. It was always on the
house. For a nickel you could buy
a large bar of washing soap. When
we needed milk, I'd get a two-quart
lard pail full from a neighbor for
a nickel."

From Mrs. Oscar Test of Reynolds-
ville, Pa.: "I remember when
Arbuckle coffee was a favorite with
customers of my father's grocery
store, because in each pound pack-
age was a stick of peppermint
candy. The price was only 15 cents
a pound. Some of the ladies would
sniff the package to see if per-
chance there was a bad grain.
Every family had their own coffee
grinder and would just grind
enough at one time for one pot of
coffee."

From Mrs. Minnie H. Burner of
Phillipi, W. Va.: "I remember
so well the old-time equipment and
primitive methods of farming and
housekeeping my parents used
when we lived in a log house built
with timber cut from my father's
part of my grandfather's estate. It
had a stone chimney and a fire-
place with a large, flat rock for a
hearth. We kids loved to crack wal-
nuts and hickory nuts on the hearth
and sweep the hulls into the open
fire. We had four-poster or cord
beds, criss-crossed with yards and
yards of tightly-drawn rope and a
strawstuck mattress."

From Mrs. William Dast of An-
heim, Calif.: "I remember when
we spun our own yarn on an old
spinning wheel and knit our own
stockings and mittens. And we
made our own soap for all house-
hold uses."

Her husband's report of the vis-
it was interesting. It had been
friendly and enlightening. Several
other young men at home for the
holidays were also present. In the
mutual joy of teacher and pupil
relationship the class was lively
and the regular work done well,
with zest. The cookies made a big
hit. At the close the young man
from Denmark came forward,
clicked his heels, and bowed from
the waist.

"It was a good class," he said,
"Good atmosphere. Thank you."
On his return to Denmark he
will tell of the friendly, intelligent
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